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1. SUMMARY. REF A MENTION OF DETAILED SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET-LIBYAN AGREEMENTS PROBABLY REFERS TO INTERVIEW WHICH SOVIET FOREIGN AID OFFICIAL GAVE TO TASS VESTNIK, A LIMITED CIRCULATION ECONOMIC NEWSLETTER. END SUMMARY.

2. DEC 20 TASS VESTNIK CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH DEP CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, VLADIMIR MORDVINOV, IN WHICH MORDVINOV DESCRIBED THE PROJECTS ENVISIONED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SOVIET-LIBYAN PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. BASICALLY REPEATING THE FACTS PROVIDED IN LIBYAN MEDIA BY MIN INDUSTRY AL-TALHI (REF B), MODVINOV ADDED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:
--THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO HASTEN THE CONCLUSION OF CONTRACTS FOR CARRYING OUT WORK ON PROJECTS WITH
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SOVIET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN "SUCH AREAS OF LIBYAN ECONOMY AS ENERGY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR, PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY," FERROUS METALLURGY, OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND TRAINING OF LIBYAN NATIONAL CADRE;
--THE SOVIET SIDE IS TO DRAW UP A PLAN FOR

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DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH TENSION ELECTRICAL NET FOR
CREATION OF A UNIFIED ENERGY SYSTEM FOR LIBYA;
--THE PROTOCOL ENVISIONS CONSTRUCTION OF A
600 KM GAS PIPELINE FROM EL-BREG (PHONETIC) TO
MISURATA;
--ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING, SOVIET
ORGANIZATIONS WILL WORK OUT A GENERAL PLAN FOR OVERALL
DEVELOPMENT OF LIBYAN GAS INDUSTRY UP TO YEAR 2000;
--SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN CREA-
TION OF THREE "HUGE" TRAINING CENTERS FOR PROFESSIONAL-
TECHNICAL EDUCATION WHICH WILL PREPARE QUALIFIED
WORKERS FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND METALLURGY, AND
ALSO FOR MAINTENANCE OF SOVIET AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY
AND ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT.

3. FRG EMBASSY SAYS ONLY THING THEY HAVE REPORTED ON
THIS SUBJECT IS MORDVINOV INTERVIEW CITED ABOVE.
WE WOULD NOTE THAT MUCH OF WHAT MORDVINOV SAID REPEATS
INFORMATION HE HAD ALREADY GIVEN IN EARLIER INTERVIEW
REPORTED IN REF C.

4. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER DETAILED COVERAGE
IN SOVIET MEDIA ON AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING QADHAFI
VISIT. DEC 10 PRAVDA LISTED NUMEROUS PERSONALITIES IN
ATTENDANCE DURING DEC 9 SIGNING CEREMONIES AND GAVE
NAMES OF OFFICIALS ACTUALLY SIGNING MARTIME AGREEMENT,
PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND
"PROGRAM" OF CULTURAL COOPERATION FOR 1977-1978, BUT
THAT IS EXTENT OF SUBSTANTIVE COVERAGE.
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